REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Claims

Claims 5-8, 14-17, 23 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 9-13, 18-22, 24, 26 and 27 have been cancelled.

Claim 25 has been amended by this response.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 101

The Examiner rejects former claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 101, contending that this claim is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner suggests amending the specification as well as the claims to recite "a <u>non-transitory</u> computer readable medium" to overcome this rejection.

Applicant does not concede that former claim 25 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Notwithstanding this, the specification and claim 25 have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner rejects claims 1-4, 9-13, 18-22 and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various cited art.

Applicant does not concede that any of the rejected claims are unpatentable over the cited art. Notwithstanding this, in order to expedite prosecution, all of the rejected claims except for claim 25 have been cancelled thereby rendering their rejection moot. Claim 25 has not been cancelled but has instead been amended to refer to allowed claim 5 and is therefore allowable for the same reasons that claim 5 is allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-8, 14-17 and 23 are allowable. As noted above, claim 25 as amended is allowable for the same reasons that claim 5 is allowable. Therefore, all pending claims are now allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, issuance of a Notice of Allowance in a timely manner is requested.

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